

Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Adrian McDaniel Lynda Gonzalez Gregory Ware Jacqueline Cox Betty Gosney

Council Member Absent

Eric Scott

Minutes

Council Member Betty Gosney moved approval of the July minutes. Council Member Jacqueline Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor and the July minutes were approved.

New Business

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

The floor was opened up for nominations. Member Betty Gosney nominated Gregory Ware for the position of Chair. Member Lynda Gonzalez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Member McDaniel nominated Betty Gosney as Vice Chair; Member Gregory Ware seconded the motion and all were in favor.

B. Volunteer recognition

Field Representative Dan Flores recognized the Kayos Kidz for volunteering at National Night Out and the Bloomington Bike Safety Fair. Certificates of recognition were presented to each of the volunteers on behalf of Supervisor Gonzales.

Staff Reports

A. CHP- Officer Hope Maxson

Officer Maxson reported that they have 7 new officers trained and ready to go and they just got another 4 that will be going through training. She stated that they will finally be able to assign one officer to be the contact person for the area.

B. Field Representative – Dan Flores

Mr. Flores reported that SB County Children and Family Services are holding a workshop for perspective Foster/Adoptive Parents on September 19th. He brought flyers with more information on the event. He also brought a flyer with the latest information on H1N1 and where vaccinations will be available. Mr. Flores also brought some free hand sanitizers from Supervisor Gonzales' office. Mr. Flores next reported the latest information on the fires. In the Oak Glen fires, 400 homes had been evacuated, approx 1,000 evacuees and there is 60% containment. The Pendleton fire had 1,500 homes evacuated, 2,500 evacuees reported, 160 acres burned and they had 70% containment.

C. Sheriff's Department – Sergeant Dan Finneran

Sgt. Finneran gave a brief overview of the jurisdictional division between the Sheriff's Dept and CHP – the Sheriff's Dept. covers general law enforcement while the CHP is responsible for traffic enforcement in the unincorporated areas. He also reported that they are discussing some ways

to address the problem with massage parlors. Next he reported that the graffiti tracker was approved by the Board of Supervisors. He stated that they continue to pursue the illegal vendors that are out by the swap meet and the presence of these vendors has decreased. Chair McDaniel had an inquiry for Sergeant Finneran. He told him that his daughter searched the data base for sexual predators in their area and found that there is one living on his street. He asked if he can inform the neighborhood about him. Sgt. Finneran encouraged all private residents to educate themselves and seek public information posted by various government agencies. Chair McDaniel reported that he is going to start a neighborhood watch and is going to make the neighbors aware of the individual.

D. Special Districts- Tim Millington

Mr. Millington reported that they received a favorable bid for the skate park project. It came in at \$225,000. He also reported that they are working on upgrading the electrical system at Kessler Park. A couple of residents asked him to look into the grass around the monument at Ayala Park that has been dying. Also, Eric Davenport let Mr. Millington know that the water pressure at the snack shack has no pressure and asked him to look into finding out what the problem is. Mr. Millington stated that he will look into both of those issues.

Old Business

Field Representative Dan Flores reported the final numbers and allocations for the Bloomington Tourism Grants. He reported that there were 6 applications and unfortunately less money from Bed Taxes than the prior year. Supervisor Gonzales allocated the funds as follows:

- \$1,544 was awarded to the Bloomington Boosters for the Christmas Parade
- \$1,000 to the San Bernardino Valley Riders for the Western Days event
- \$500 to the Bloomington Preservation Foundation
- \$1,044 to the Spirit of Bloomington Band & Colorguard Boosters for the Jazz Festival

Mr. Flores stated that the Kayos Kidz and the Bloomington Little League will not be receiving funds from the tourism grant. He will be working with them to see how they can get other funding or resources for their programs. Member Lynda Gonzalez stated that her three boys were involved in Little League and she feels strongly about the benefit these groups offer to the kids. She thinks they should get some kind of funding because they keep kids busy doing something and so they are not out in the street getting into trouble, tagging with graffiti and eventually ending up in prison. She wanted to put it on record. Chair McDaniel stated that he had spoken to Pam Geil regarding using the Bloomington Garage for learning mechanics or some kind of training so that kids can learn about cars and give them something to do. He said he just wanted to bring it to the table and hoped the Board of Supervisors can do something to help them. Member Lynda Gonzalez stated that the Bloomington Garage would have to go through an inspection because she hasn't felt safe in it the few times she has been there.

Items for upcoming meetings

Member Ware stated that he wanted to bring 4 things to the attention of the Board. But first he wanted to let the residents know that a representative from Assemblywoman Carter's office, Sheila Futch was present and wanted her to know that it is an honor to have her there at the MAC meeting. Next he wanted to #1. Get an update on when the bridge on Riverside Ave. and the 210 freeway will be dropped; #2. He would like someone from County Fire to come to a MAC meeting and give information on preparedness; #3. He would like an update on the trailer park across the street because it is still there; and #4. He was entertaining the idea of recognizing a Bloomington community resident weather it be every quarter or every 6 months, as an honoree for their commitment to making living in Bloomington a better place to live. He thought it would be a good

idea to recognize someone who has been doing extraordinary things for the community with a thank you letter or some kind of acknowledgment that will let them know they are appreciated.

Chairman McDaniel asked if it was possible to get the message sign to announce the MAC meetings even if it is only every quarter. He was told that J & R Fleet Services is a good option since they have one and have a desire to be involved in the community.

Member Reports

Chairman McDaniel said that his daughter recently graduated from the Sheriff's Explorer Academy. He encouraged the parents to look into the program because it is a tremendous learning experience for teens.

Member Betty Gosney said that she went to the Bike Safety Fair. She enjoyed watching the kids and thought it was a great event. She also stated that the National Night Out event was great and the Kayos Kidz were running around helping out, Eric Davenport sang and the Sheriff's posse were there. She really enjoyed it and thought it was a great evening. She asked if it was possible to have one of the Kayos Kidz be on the Board. She mentioned that people do not know about the MAC meetings and said it was important for those present to tell others about the MAC meetings. A suggestion was made to get a newspaper article written about the MAC meetings.

Member Lynda Gonzalez said that she had missed some meetings and was not able to attend the National Night Out event but she did see it on channel 7 and knew that it was a great event and wanted to thank Supervisor Gonzales and her staff and Dan and his wife for all the hard work that they do.

Member Gregory Ware stated that he was humbled by the nomination and thanked the MAC for electing him as Chair. He also wanted Sergeant Finneran, the Fire Department and all the other safety agencies that serve the area to know that he appreciates what they do and he wanted them to know that the people in the community also appreciate them. He thanked Adrian McDaniel for his year of service and told him that the community appreciates all his hard work.

Public Comments

Corrine Soto announced that they are preparing for the Christmas Parade and it will be Saturday December 5th at 12 noon from Ayala to Cedar. She said that they have applications for those who want to be in the parade. They really need donations for Santa at the Park and they welcome any donations and anyone who wants to volunteer.

Dave Soto reported that they will be having a candlelight vigil on September 11th at 5:30 pm at the monument at Ayala Park. He said it will be a short get together to remember the families that have lost somebody. He also brought some cards for anyone who wants to become a Booster or just wants to find out more about the Boosters. They have a website www.bloomingtoncommunityboosters.org He said they support the local youth and gave Little League \$800 for the Christmas season.

Joe Jackson a representative for homeless in the parks stated that they bathrooms are being closed earlier and would like to see if they can stay open later. Mr. Millington of Special Districts stated that they have been closing them early as a safety precaution, but he will work with parks on that issue.

Karen Serrano from Congressman Baca's office reported on the upcoming free Woman's Conference that it will be held Friday September 17th from 9 am to 12 noon at the Lewis Library in

Fontana. The theme this is "Protecting Woman's Rights". She offered her phone number, 909-885-2222 and email, Karen.serrano@mail.ca.gov for those who would like more information.

Eric Davenport extended an invitation for the residents to go to the San Bernardino Valley Riders meetings. They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the trailer at Kessler Park. For his safety tip he explained that if you hear strange noises at night and go outside, DO NOT shine a flashlight in front of you because if there is someone up to no good they will shoot at the light so you want to keep it away from you while you are searching. He also stated that it is important to have a plastic bag with a backpack and a change of clothes, toilet paper, matches, money, a folding knife and a mirror which is good for signaling. He said that a 35 gallon trash bag can save your life. It can be used for shelter or a raincoat. He said that another bag or suitcase should be packed at home with a first aid kit in case of an emergency.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by Aurora Hernandez, MAC Secretary: (909) 387-3064